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BUENOS AIRES FOR MILTON DRUCKER

E.O. 12958: DECL: 07/16/2013

TAGS: MOPS, PTER, SNAR, PINR, PINS, PHUM, PROP, PGOV, ASEC,
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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITIES FOR MILITARY PROGRESS IN ARAUCA

REF: BOGOTA 5995

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Richard Baca for
reasons 1.5(a), (b), and (d)-----
Summary

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REVIEW AUTHORITY: ALAN H FLANIGAN

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(B), 1.4(D)

DECLASSIFY AFTER: 16 JUL 2018

DATE/CASE ID: 23 FEB 2007 200503651

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1. (C) Terrorist attacks against the Cano Limon-Covenas pipeline have fallen dramatically in 2003. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] President

Uribe's upcoming visit to the region will contribute more high level support for addressing the department's tenuous security situation. End summary.

Pipeline Attacks: A Deceptive Statistic

2. (C) As of July 16, the Cano Limon-Covenas oil pipeline in the department of Arauca had suffered only 13 terrorists attacks in 2003, a rate that if projected for the remainder of the year would lead to the lowest number of attacks on the pipeline in over a decade. This reduction is evidence of the 18th Brigade's increased patrols on the pipeline and aggressive prosecution of pipeline bombers. [REDACTED]

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the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the

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National Liberation Army (ELN) remain strong in Arauca both numerically and in terms of influence. The United Self Defense Forces (AUC) also have a strong presence in the southern part of the department. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Attacks on the civilian population in general, locally contracted Occidental Petroleum (OXY) manual laborers in particular, pipeline maintenance and logistics facilities, and, most importantly,

the regional power grid have all increased. [REDACTED]

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On July 8, for example, a successful terrorist attack left a significant portion of Arauca without electricity for nearly a week [REDACTED]

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